

MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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*Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Lester:

I have enclosed two copies of the "Mountain Counties Water Resources Association—Water Needs Assessment, March 1999." The document was prepared for MCWRA in order to develop a firmer projection of the water needs of the central Sierra Nevada counties in order to aid that geographic region in identifying its "county of origin" rights and to aid in the region's participation in the CALFED process.

It would be much appreciated if you could let me know how I might get the Water Needs Assessment incorporated into the formal CALFED record of proceedings. I know that there is an ongoing Integrated Storage Investigation and that a draft EIR is expected sometime in June 1999 but I need some guidance on exactly how to get the document considered as part of those CALFED deliberations.

I would also like to offer my technical assistance to CALFED in connection with its evaluation of the potential reoperation of existing FERC-licensed projects. I have been involved as a lawyer in the licensing, and relicensing, of FERC projects for twenty-five years and may be able to offer some help in this area.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



*Christopher D. Williams
Executive Director*

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cc: MCWRA BOD*